

BE THE ONE

This May 7 - 21, be a part of the nationwide [Thanks Mom Marrow Donor Drive](#), and help us reach our goal of adding 20,000 new donors to the National Marrow Donor Program's Registry.



The following donor drives are organized by the friends and family of Jessica Cody Abood (pictured above with her sister), **who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) in February 2006.** Jessica, who turned 30 on April 8th, is currently receiving chemotherapy treatments to keep her leukemia at bay, but it is not a long-term solution.

Jessica is of mixed Arab-American heritage and has a rare bone marrow HLA type. There are no donor matches in Jessica's immediate family or the National Marrow Donor Program's registry of millions of people. **We are desperate for donors with similar Arab-American backgrounds to join the Registry**, and we are hopeful that a generous donor, like you, will step forward during the "Thanks Mom" drive to save Jessica's life. There are thousands of patients like Jessica in search of matching donors. Your help is critical to their survival.

Join the movement. Join the Registry. And tell your friends.

Thursday, May 10th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Swinerton Incorporated
[260 Townsend Street, San Francisco 94107](#)

Saturday, May 13th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
[1300 Junipero Serra Boulevard, San Francisco 94132](#)

Friday, May 18th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute
[475 Brannan Street, San Francisco 94107](#)

Saturday, May 19th 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
EmeryBay Public Marketplace
[5959 Shellmound Street, Emeryville 94608](#)

Sunday, May 20th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church
[5200 Diamond Heights Boulevard, San Francisco 94131](#)

Registration is Simple and Free.

A cheek swab is all that is needed to see if your tissue type matches a patient in the Registry. Most people who are in good health, and between the ages of 18 and 60, are eligible to join. The cost to join is normally \$52, however during the "Thanks Mom" drive, **testing is free.**

If your tissue type matches a patient in the Registry (a 1 in 300,000 chance), you will be asked to undergo further testing and may choose one of two minor procedures to withdraw stem cells from your blood or marrow. You can withdraw your name from the Registry at any time.

Please bring to the drive the names, addresses and phone numbers of two contacts who you do not live with, as well as the information from one form of identification (Driver's license, Social Security Number, etc.)

Sharing the gift of life is a great way to say "Thanks, Mom!"

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To find out more about the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, visit <http://www.marrow.org>